State Government. The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Act was enacted in May, 1995 during the President's Rule, i.e., at a time when the President was vested with the administrative powers of the State Government and subsequently when a popular Government assumed office in October, 1996, the said Act was reenacted by the State Government/Legislature within their own powers.

As per the provisions of the Act, the State Government shall provide funds under the Plan and Non-Plan Budget to the Council to be credited to the Council Fund as per budgetary requirements as approved by the State Government and the funds shall be released by the State Government as per normal budgeting procedure.

Non-payment of Property Tax in Delhi

799. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than half a million properties in the National Capital Territory of Delhi are not paying property tax though residents of these properties enjoy full civic amenities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to collect property tax from those residents who are not paying property tax for the last many years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The properties are regularly assessed and in the event of non-payment of property tax the action as permissible under law is taken against the defaulting property owners.

National Committee on Disaster Management

800. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has asked the National Committee on Disaster Management (NCDM) to finalise its draft agenda;

(b) if so, whether the NCDM chaired by the Prime Minister has not been able to meet even once since its inception;